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SUBJECT: RECALL OF SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS RECALLED EMBASSY EMPLOYEE TO AVOID HAVING HIM PNGD BY GON. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS STORIES ABOUT FORCED RECALL OF SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE HAVE LED GON TO ISSUE OFFICIAL STATEMENT EXPLAINING THAT A. KISSELEFF, AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE, HAS BEEN MADE TO LEAVE THE HAGUE.

3. STATEMENT NOTES THERE IS NO QUESTION OF EXPLUSION, NOR OF PNG, AND GOES ON TO EXPLAIN THAT IN CERTAIN CASES CONTACTS BY MILITARY ATTACHES AND THEIR STAFFS MAY RESULT IN "CIRCUMSTANCES GIVING RISE TO COMPLICATIONS." STATEMENT OBSERVES THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WERE MADE AWARE OF DUTCH OBJECTIONS TO SUBJECT'S CONDUCT, BUT GOES ON TO SAY THAT DEPARTURE OF KISSELEFF WAS SOLELY AN INTERNAL DECISION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN ADDITION TO PRESS INTEREST, AFFAIR HAS GENERATED OFFICIAL QUESTIONS TO FONMIN BY LIBERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT PLOEG, THUS ADDING TO MOUNTING PRESSURE ON GON AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE SOME SORT OF EXPLANATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO SOVIET EMBASSY COMMENT.

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KISSELEFF, WHO SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE HAGUE, HAS LEFT THE

NETHERLANDS.

4. COMMENT. THIS AFFAIR HAS CLEARLY RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION THAT GON WOULD HAVE LIKED. FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS PRESUMABLY ALSO MOTIVATED BY CONSIDERATION THAT QUIET REMOVAL OF KISSELEFF WOULD MINIMIZE RISK OF RETALIATION. DESPITE THE ASSERTION THAT DUTCH DID NOT PNG KISSELEFF--PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE HE DID NOT ENJOY DIPLOMATIC P & I AND HE IS NOT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST-- HIS DEPARTURE NEVERTHELESS SEEMS TO AMOUNT TO DE FACTO EXPULSION. KISSELEFF'S OBJECTIONABLE ACTIVITIES APPEAR TO HAVE FOCUSSED ON OBTAINING INFORMATION OF A MILITARY NATURE, ALSO RELATING TO DUTCH ROLE AS MEMBER OF NATO ALLIANCE.
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